

**ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION
TO NEW YORK STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS
(Part 351 of NYS Agriculture and Markets Regulations)**

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EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS - Due to the ongoing Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak in both cattle and poultry, there are emergency import regulations in effect. In addition, there are federal orders for dairy cattle in effect. Regardless of residency, there are HPAI test requirements for any lactating dairy cow also in effect for New York fairs and exhibitions. These emergency conditions must be met in addition to the Part 351 fair requirements to be admitted to the Great NY State and county fairs. These conditions may change at any time. **It is STRONGLY recommended that you frequently review these regulations and federal orders for both poultry and cattle at our website:** <https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/fairs>

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- No person shall bring or have present an animal on the fairgrounds for any reason (show, exhibit, raffle, demonstration, display) during a fair which is not qualified under NYS regulations.
- Any animal which is subject to inspection upon entry to the fairgrounds will be inspected without covering (wraps, coats, head gear, etc.).
- No person shall present an interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection that has been altered by anyone other than the issuing veterinarian.

- Animals demonstrating clinical signs or other evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases shall not be allowed on the fairgrounds during a fair.
- Representatives of the Commissioner may deny admission to, or require removal from, the fair premises or require the segregation of any animal showing signs of, or exposed to, any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease. NOTE: The fair board of directors has the authority to reject unworthy or unsightly exhibits for reasons other than infectious, contagious, or communicable disease (Part 350.10). The state veterinarian or animal health inspector will bring questionable exhibits to the attention of the fair board.
- All animals presented that originate from a location other than New York shall meet all New York State importation regulations appropriate to the species in addition to the fair animal health requirements.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

- Cattle, sheep, goats, swine, llamas, alpacas, deer, and misc. ruminants require a valid CVI to enter the fairgrounds.
- The CVI must be issued by a Category 2 accredited veterinarian. Wet ink signatures for paper CVIs or e-signature for eCVIs are acceptable.
- A physical CVI must be available to inspection staff for date and approval at time of inspection. This may be a printout of an eCVI or owner's copy of a paper CVI.
- All animals must be officially identified. **ALL MANMADE ID MUST BE RECORDED**. Refer to Animal Identification section below for more information.
- Only one species is allowed per certificate.
- The type and duration of certificate required depends on the origin of the livestock.

New York Origin Livestock:

- A valid intrastate CVI (AI-61) is required.
- Each animal must be individually identified on the CVI (see below).
- The CVI must be issued on or after May 1 of the current year.

Out of State Origin Livestock:

- All animals entering New York State must satisfy import health and test requirements for that species and be accompanied by a valid interstate CVI.
- An e-CVI may be issued but a paper copy of the e-CVI is required for the animal check-in process.
- The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of CVI inspection. During the fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid CVI's can be used multiple times for entrance into fairs. The initial entrance into a NY fair must be within 30 days of the For the CVI to be used for a later fair, it must be dated and initialed by a NYS Agriculture and Markets official noting the location of the initial fair. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI.

Questions regarding import requirements should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971, or at the division's import/export **homepage:** <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/animal-import-export>

Animal Identification

- **ALL MANMADE ID MUST BE RECORDED**
- All cattle must be identified by an official USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) eartag, commonly referred to as an "840 RFID tag" or equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country.
- Sheep and goats must be identified by official scrapie identification (see sheep and goat

sections below).

- Swine must be identified by an official USDA approved ear tag. Radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags, commonly referred to as “840 RFID tags,” are strongly recommended. Nursing piglets originating within NYS do not have to be individually identified if the sow is correctly identified on the CVI and the number of piglets in the litter is noted on the CVI. Nursing piglets from out of state will need official ID (see swine section).
- Llamas and alpacas must be identified by official ear tag or microchip.
- Misc. ruminants must be identified by unique ear tag or microchip. A complete written description is sufficient identification for horses entering New York accompanied by a CVI. The description must match the EIA test record. Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars, and other markings as necessary to uniquely identify the horse. Tattoos and microchips, if any, should be included. “Bay, no markings” is not an acceptable description for a CVI or EIA test record.
- **NOTE:** If you are exhibiting animals identified by microchip, a working reader must be supplied by the exhibitor. *For questions on animal identification please contact your veterinarian or our office at 518-457-3502.*

Rabies Vaccination

- Rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret) and that are 4 months of age or older on the date of admission to the fair.
 - **For most rabies vaccines**, the earliest age allowable for primary vaccination is 3 months (12 weeks). Animals that are vaccinated prior to 84 days of age will need to be re-vaccinated according to label before entering the fairgrounds.
- Vaccine must have been administered within the past 12 months. The exception is Imrab LA vaccine used in sheep which protects for 3 years after the second annual vaccination (consult your veterinarian).
- The rabies vaccination requirement must be met on the day of admission even if the animal was previously admitted to a fair when too young to vaccinate.
- **NOTE:** Individual fairs can require animals for which there is no approved rabies vaccine to be vaccinated for rabies. The requirements outlined above would apply. The fair is responsible for notifying exhibitors. The New York State Fair requires rabies vaccination for all livestock species entering the grounds.

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION

- Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include a signed written statement from the veterinarian administering the vaccine to said described animal(s) or a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that has the vaccination listed and is signed by the Category 2 accredited veterinarian.
- Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include the name of the product used, the date of administration, and the duration of immunity if longer than one year (sheep only).
- If the statement of rabies vaccination is included on a paper EIA test record, the test record must be signed certifying vaccination in addition to the required signature for the EIA test record.
- If the statement of rabies vaccination is electronically entered into an eEIA test record, only one electronic signature is required.
- **NOTE: Rabies titers** are not acceptable proof of rabies protection and cannot be used to meet entry requirements. A veterinary clinic invoice may not be sufficient proof of rabies vaccination.
- Acceptable proof of **vaccination for dogs** is a valid rabies vaccination certificate or a copy of the dog license that contains the rabies vaccination information.

HPAI Testing for Lactating Dairy Cattle

- All lactating dairy cattle must test negative for HPAI within seven (7) days prior to entering a fair or exhibition, including the New York State Fair, county fairs, or other exhibitions. The test must be conducted at a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) lab.

BVD-PI Testing

- All cattle, llamas, and alpacas exhibited at NY county fairs, or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea **persistent infection (BVD-PI)**. Official ID must be in the animal prior to sampling. The testing veterinarian is responsible to make sure the proper test is conducted. This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, official identification of the animal, and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test or official identification is not verifiable, the test must be repeated.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- All buildings on the fairgrounds housing animals must be cleaned and disinfected prior to the opening of the fair and between groups of animals when housing is rotated (Section 50.2 of Agriculture and Market regulations).

Animal Deaths

- Occasionally animal deaths occur at a fair. If a death occurs, it must be reported to the state veterinarian in charge as soon as possible for review. The animal must be promptly removed from the public exhibit area to a secure location and held for the veterinarian prior to disposal.

Calving, Kidding, and Lambing

- Any cattle, goats, or sheep that calve, kid, or lamb while at a county fair or the State Fair will be **ordered removed from the fairgrounds** along with their offspring, unless the animals are part of a birthing demonstration.

Commingling of Sheep and Cattle

- Due to the potential spread of malignant catarrhal fever from sheep to cattle, it is strongly recommended that cattle be kept separate from sheep.

Commingling of Swine and Poultry

- Due to the potential spread of influenza virus, it is recommended that swine and poultry be housed in separate locations.

Isolation on Returning Home

- The owner or custodian shall keep show animals biologically separate from the herd or flock for a period of at least two weeks after returning to the premises of origin. If any illness is noted in the animals exhibition, the owner should contact their veterinarian immediately.

INDIVIDUAL SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Horses

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not required for New York origin horses. CVI is required for imported horses. Extended Equine CVIs (EECVIs) are acceptable.
- Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test is required for all horses 6 months of age or older. The horse must be accompanied by a valid negative EIA test record, signed by a

Category 2 accredited veterinarian. The sample collection date for the qualifying EIA test must have been on or after January 1, 2024, for New York origin horses. For imported horses, the EIA test must have been conducted within 12 months prior to entry. The EIA test certificate must include a complete description of the horse.

- Rabies vaccination within 12 months is required for all horses 4 months of age or older (see above).

Cattle

- See EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS SECTION AT THE TOP.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above.
- All lactating dairy cattle must have tested negative to HPAI test within 7 days prior to entry to a New York fair or exhibition. See “HPAI Testing for Lactating Dairy Cattle” section above.
- Rabies vaccination is required for all cattle 4 months of age or older (see above).
- All cattle must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). The existing, official identification, date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- All cattle must be vaccinated against bovine respiratory disease complex including bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine virus diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and parainfluenza with an age appropriate- product administered in a manner and time frame adequate to confer protective immunity for these diseases for the duration of the fair. The date and vaccine product should be documented.

Sheep

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved scrapie identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible USDA approved registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program, and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the sheep’s registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDATAG (1-866-873-2824).
- Rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 4 months of age or older (see above).
- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing Category 2 accredited veterinarian that the flock of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of sore mouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep, the entire exhibit including the affected animals (and any small ruminants from any other flock on the same conveyance to the fairgrounds) shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Goats

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved scrapie identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible USDA approved registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the goat’s registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDATAG (1-866-873-2824).
- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing Category 2 accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of sore mouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the entire exhibit

including the affected animals (and any small ruminants from any other flock on the same conveyance to the fairgrounds) shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Swine

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. Out of state nursing piglets need official identification along with the sow. See Animal Identification section above.

Llamas and Alpacas

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above.
- All llamas and alpacas must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). The existing, official identification, date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

Poultry

- **SEE EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS SECTION AT THE TOP.**
- Poultry (with the exception of doves, pigeons, and waterfowl) must be accompanied by 1) results of a negative pullorum typhoid test conducted within 90 days prior to exhibition OR 2) proof that the birds originated directly from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock.
- Poultry qualified by 90-day test must be identified by official leg band.
- Proof of NPIP status must be in the form of an NPIP certificate or purchase receipt containing NPIP certification information. If utilizing a receipt, it must be dated within 1-year of the date of admission to the fair.

Deer/Elk (Cervidae)

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a movement permit with animals properly identified. • Regardless of residency of animals, please contact the Cervid Program Manager at the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502 prior to movement.

Miscellaneous Ruminants

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above. Only one species per Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, SWINE, LLAMAS, AND ALPACAS, CERVIDS, MISC. RUMINANTS

- **Review the animal health requirements booklet** including information for your species before your veterinarian arrives to inspect your animals. If you have any questions, ask.
- **Your veterinarian is responsible** for inspecting your animals and completing the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). Call early to avoid the last-minute rush when mistakes are made and there is no time to correct.
- **Make sure USDA approved official ear tags** are present on cattle and swine and USDA approved scrapie ID is in place on sheep and goats. Official ID must be applied to animals prior to regulatory testing and completion of the CVI.
- **Llamas and alpacas** require a microchip or ear tag. If a microchip is utilized make sure the veterinarian confirms the microchip ID or places one. If your animal is identified by a microchip, make sure you bring a working reader with you to the fair.
- **ALL IDENTIFICATION MUST BE RECORDED. Make sure it is.**
- **Review the CVI carefully** upon receipt to make sure all the information is correct including any required test or vaccination information.

- **DO NOT** put documents in an envelope and assume all is well. The time to correct is before pulling them out at the fair. The CVI is your document, and you share responsibility if it is incorrect.
- **If you are importing livestock** from out of state, make sure the interstate requirements are met, and you have a valid interstate certificate of veterinary inspection.

Poultry

- If your flock is participating in the NPIP program, schedule pullorum flock inspection and testing well ahead of the fair.
- If you're having your birds tested within 90 days of the fair, you must go to a pullorum clinic. Available clinics are listed on the Dept. website. No individual testing is available if you miss a clinic.
- Birds qualified by 90-day test must be identified by official leg band.
- **Bring documentation** with you to the fair in the form of a 1) current NPIP certificate, 2) 90-day test chart or 3) purchase receipt with NPIP certification within 1 year of the date of admission to the fair.

Horses

- **NY origin horses** must be accompanied by a negative EIA test report. The date of sample collection for the qualifying EIA test must have been on or after January 1, 2024.
- **Imported horses** (out of state origin) must be accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection with a negative EIA test within 12 AI-202 (2025) **9 months prior to entry**. Rabies vaccination information can be incorporated into the CVI.
- Drawing or photograph must match the horse.
- Rabies vaccination must be within 1-year of arrival at the fair and be documented by a signed rabies certificate or a signed statement on the EIA test chart with the required information (see requirements).

MOST IMPORTANT

When you are loading your livestock for the trip to the fair, take the time to examine them. Make sure they are the same animals that are on the paperwork and official ID is present and legible. If they are showing any signs of illness, **LEAVE THEM HOME**.



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2025 INTERSTATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR ANIMALS

This document is a supplement to the Animal Health Requirements (AI-202) published for animals exhibited at New York county fairs and the Great New York State Fair. Its purpose is to summarize the import requirements that must be met for livestock entering New York destined for fairs. **Please carefully review the Animal Health Requirements (AI-202)**. Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination in species not required by the state. Contact the specific fair for their requirements. Fair contact information is available at **www.nyfairs.org**. Further assistance can be obtained by contacting the Division of Animal Industry (DAI) at 518-457-3502 or your State Veterinarian's office. You can also go to the following link on our department website for entry requirements:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/animal-import-export>
or <https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/fairs>

EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS

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INTERSTATE CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (ICVI)

An interstate CVI is required for cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, llamas/alpacas, deer/elk and misc. ruminants moving interstate. Extended Equine CVIs (EECVIs) are acceptable for horses. Note that interstate CVI's must be issued by a Category 2 accredited veterinarian. **A printed copy of the ICVI must be presented for animal check-in.** The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of CVI inspection. During the fair season, from July 1 through Labor Day, interstate CVI's can be used multiple times as long as the initial entrance to a NY fair is within 30 days of CVI inspection and the CVI is initialed by a NYS Agriculture and Markets official at the fair. Once the CVI has been initialed, it can be used for the rest of the fair season if no health issues arise. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI. All documentation **must accompany the animals**. Animals not meeting the interstate and/or fair and any applicable emergency import requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. Individual official ID is required on all animals. Animals with incomplete or illegible ID will be rejected. Required rabies vaccination may be included on the health certificate.

- **HORSES** - Horses can enter with a CVI. Horses 6 months of age or older must test negative for equine infectious anemia (EIA). The sample collection date for the qualifying EIA test must be within 12 months prior to the date of **entry to the fair**. The horse must be clearly and completely identified. Rabies vaccination is required for all horses 4 months of age and older on the date of admission to a fair. Vaccination must be within the past 12 months.

- **CATTLE – SEE EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE**

All cattle must be identified by an official USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) eartag, commonly referred to as an “840 RFID tag” or equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country.

All lactating dairy cattle must test negative for HPAI within **seven** (7) days prior to entering a fair or exhibition, including the New York State Fair, county fairs, or other exhibitions. The test must be conducted at a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) lab.

Cattle from all states must be test negative for BVD-PI with results and test date noted on the CVI. For cattle from the New England states, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania, no additional testing (other than the BVDPI test and HPAI test for lactating dairy cattle) is required. For information on other states, you can contact DAI at 518-457-3971 or check the Department website at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/animal-import-export>.

Vaccination for rabies is required for all cattle 4 months of age or older on the date of admission to a fair. Vaccination must be within the past 12- months. Bovine respiratory disease complex vaccination is also required. Vaccinations must be documented.

SHEEP - Sheep can enter with CVI. All sheep must be identified by one of the following:

- 1) USDA approved tags or
- 2) a legible USDA approved registration tattoo or
- 3) a legible USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number or
- 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program, and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the sheep's registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824). The veterinary statement certifying the flock of origin was inspected with no evidence of contagious disease in the flock at the time of inspection is required.

Rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 4 months of age and older on the date of admission to a fair. Vaccination must be within the past 12 months unless a 3- year vaccination has been used. No regulatory tests are required for sheep.

GOATS - Goats can enter with CVI. All goats must be identified by one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible USDA approved registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the goat's registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824). The veterinary statement certifying the herd of origin was inspected with no evidence of contagious disease in the herd at the time of inspection is required. *Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination.* No regulatory tests are required for goats.

SWINE - Swine can enter with CVI only. Swine must be identified by an official USDA approved ear tag. Radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags, commonly referred to as "840 RFID tags," are strongly recommended. *Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination.* No regulatory tests are required for swine.

LLAMAS / ALPACAS - New world camelids attending a New York county or state fair must be accompanied by a CVI with animals individually identified by microchip or official ear tag. They must be test negative for BVD-PI with test date and results noted on the CVI. *Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination.*

DEER/ELK (CERVIDAE) - CWD susceptible cervid species cannot be imported into New York. Non CWD susceptible species require a permit, CVI and proper identification. Prior to importing deer, contact the Cervid Program Manager at 518-457-3502.

POULTRY – SEE EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE - Negative avian influenza and pullorum status is required for all poultry entering NY. Out of state poultry must be accompanied by the NPIP flock certificate if the flock is NPIP certified. Otherwise, a CVI is required. Poultry, with the exception of, doves and pigeons, must test negative for pullorum within 90 days prior to importation, if not from an NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock. In addition, all poultry must be 1) from a source flock in which 30 birds were tested negative for avian influenza within ten days prior to entry into New York State; or 2) from an NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean or NPIP U.S. Avian Influenza Clean Flock. For more information, contact DAI at 518-457-3971.

MISC. RUMINANTS - Certificate of veterinary inspection and official USDA approved ear tag. *Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination.*



EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE REGULATIONS FOR 2025 NYS STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS

Date: January 31, 2025 (subject to change, check back regularly at website below)

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Regardless of residency, any emergency conditions and testing requirements must **be met in addition** to the Part 351 fair requirements to be admitted to the Great New York State and county fairs. These conditions may change at any time.

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DAIRY CATTLE: (Out of state)

A. Emergency Import Requirements - The Department has issued new import requirements for dairy cattle coming into New York (<https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/animal-import-export>).

- Importation of dairy cattle from a premises with a confirmed case of HPAI or a premises under investigation as a suspect premises is prohibited; and
- Dairy cattle imported from affected states must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 10 days prior to entry into the state; and
- CVIs issued for dairy cattle from affected states must include the statement: *"All animals identified on the Certificate of Veterinary (CVI) have been examined and do not originate from a premises with a confirmed detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, or that is currently under investigation as a suspect premises."*
- **Non-lactating dairy cattle** - 18 months of age imported from states that have had a confirmed case of HPAI in cattle (within the last 30 days):
 - Must have a negative Influenza A test (nasal swab/PCR) within 10 days prior to entry. The date of test and test result must be written on the CVI.
 - Must be tested individually. If they are moving as a group or lot, the maximum number to test is 30.
 - Must be accompanied by a copy of the laboratory report. The report shall be retained by the destination facility for 3 months.
- **USDA APHIS** has additional restrictions for interstate movement of lactating dairy cattle which can be found [here](#).
- **B. All lactating dairy cattle must be tested for HPAI before entering NY fairs or exhibitions.**
- **All lactating dairy cattle** must test negative for HPAI within seven (7) days prior to entering a fair or exhibition, including the New York State Fair, county fairs, or other exhibitions. The test must be conducted at a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) lab. Individual animal test is required.

DAIRY CATTLE: (In state)

A. All lactating dairy cattle must be tested for HPAI before entering NY fairs or exhibitions.

- All lactating dairy cattle must test negative for HPAI within seven (7) days prior to entering a fair or exhibition, including the New York State Fair, county fairs, or other exhibitions. The test must be conducted at a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) lab. Individual animal test is required.

Fair 2025

CORTLAND COUNTY JR. FAIR ~ REGULATIONS 2025

1. **OWNERSHIP:** the exhibitor must own **all animals by JUNE 1st** of current fair year.
2. **NON-OWNERSHIP & DOCUMENTATION:** The exhibitor must care for animal(s) that are exhibited as non-owned no later than June 1st.
 - Certificates are available at the Cooperative Extension Office and online at <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>
 - Certificates must be returned completed to the 4-H office by JUNE 1st along with a copy of the species specific registration or identification papers.
3. **ATTN: ALL YOUTH: ENROLLMENT & ANIMALS TO BE SHOWN:**
 - For current 4-H Members to show animals at the Cortland County Jr. Fair, they must re-enroll into Cortland County 4-H by December 31, 2024.
 - For New 4-H member enrollment must be by June 1st, current 4-H year.
 - For Market Animal Project – new enrollment must be by April 1st, current year.
4. **MARKET ANIMALS:** must be owned and in the care of the Exhibitor by June 1st of current 4-H Year or specified as below:

SPECIES

DATE IN OWNED & IN CARE OF:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| a) Market Goats, Sheep & Swine | June 1 st of current fair year |
| b) Beef: | December 1, 2024 |
| c) Market Turkeys | March delivery approved by 4-H Office |
| d) Pen of Broiler Chickens | May Delivery approved by 4-H Office |

5. **ANIMAL ENTRIES:** **DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2025** - LINKS ARE AVAILABLE TO ENTER ALL ANIMAL ENTRIES WILL BE COMPLETED ON-LINE ON THE CCE WEBSITE – LINK TO CCE WEBSITE: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

GUIDE TO ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

1. OWNED ~ VS ~ NON-OWNED ANIMAL PROJECT:

“OWNED”: the animal is registered in the youth’s name to be shown.

“NON-OWNED” The animal is leased to the youth who do not own.

(NOTE: A youth cannot own and still intend to also show a non-owned animal in the same species at the fair. Example: you cannot show an owned beef and a non-owned beef - but if the youth plan to show an owned beef; and a non-owned in sheep that is okay).

2. A VALID HEALTH CERTIFICATE: Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the health chart (CVI) and must be issued by an accredited veterinarian **ON OR AFTER MAY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR**
3. IDENTIFICATION - Animals must carry positive identification such as official ear tag, tattoo and/or registration papers. **Make sure ear tags are present** on cattle and swine and USDA approved scrapie ID is in place on sheep and goats.
4. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA-PERSISTENT INFECTION (BVD-PI) - The date and results of the testing must be noted on the CVI.
5. PULLORUM-TYPHOID: (BIRDS)- **AFTER APRIL 9** (within 90 days) of Fair date. (doves, pigeons & waterfowl exempt).
6. HORSE – EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA TEST – (EIA/COGGINS)
CALENDAR YEAR: 2024-2025 & 2025 Rabies
7. RABIES VACCINATION:
 MARKET ANIMALS: **ON OR BEFORE JUNE 17, 2025**
 NON-MARKET ANIMALS: **ON OR BEFORE JUNE 17, 2025**
 (NYS-AI-202 states) “Rabies Vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine is available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret and that are 4 months of age or older on the “date of admission to the fair” --see-Rabies requirement).
8. RABIES VACCINATION OF ALL OTHER MAMMALIAN SPECIES:
GOATS AND SWINE - will also be required even though there is no USDA licensed vaccine available; this is known as “off-label” use.
Exception to the Rule: will be given to only to the “small, caged animal species”, such as rabbits cavies, etc. for which there is no USDA licensed vaccine available.
 - Most animals must be at least 4 months of age to receive a rabies vaccine.
 - Special precautions will be taken to inform and keep the public from coming in contact with all fair exhibited animals, especially those not rabies vaccinated, or off label vaccinated.
 - All animals (with exception of those noted above) will be required to show proof. Rabies Vaccination “ACCEPTABLE PROOF” IS A VALID RABIES CERTIFICATE and include all pets on the Cortland Fairgrounds property.



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2025 CORTLAND COUNTY JR. YOUTH FAIR

GENERAL RULES

- (a) All exhibits must be grown, made/prepared by the exhibitors since last year's Cortland County Jr. Youth Fair.
- (b) **SHOW AGE GUIDELINES:** all classes open to all youth:
 - **Cloverbuds** are ages 5 up to and do not turn 8 years of age after January 1, 2025.
 - **4-H members** must be **(8) eight years old and have not passed their (19) nineteenth birthday** as of **January 1, 2025.**
 - Must be residents of Cortland County, regardless of affiliation with any organization, or who are members of any organization affiliated with Cortland County who do not show at any other Junior Fair for this year.

- (c) **Overnight – during fair week:** All youth exhibiting dairy animals that will be staying overnight in the dairy barn must be chaperoned by a CCE approved chaperone over the age of 21. Chaperone(s) must stay in the barn with the youth. An Overnight Stay form must be filled out prior to the first night of fair indicating the nights that the youth and chaperone(s) will be staying. There will be a barn check in every night. No unauthorized youth or adults are permitted to stay in the barn. Families staying in campers must be registered with the Ag Corp.
- (d) **NEW YORK STATE FAIR AGE GUIDELINES:** youth participants must be at least (8)-eight years of age by January 1st of current club year and not have reached their nineteenth birthday prior to **January 1, 2025.**
- (e) A "CLOVERBUD" (ages 5 up to 8) **is allowed to show "one animal" per species in Showmanship class and breed class** (*animals required to be housed through the duration of the week*).

Species specified for Cloverbuds to show:

- ♦ **Beef:** Not allowed
- ♦ **Dairy Cattle:** Spring Calf only
- ♦ **Dairy Goat:** Doe must be younger than one year of age
- ♦ **Meat Goat:** Doe or wether be younger than one year of age
- ♦ **Horse:** Leadline/Walk-trot classes only
- ♦ **Poultry** All breeds except Market Turkey & Market Broiler
- ♦ **Rabbit & Cavy:** All breeds
- ♦ **Sheep:** Animal must be younger than one year of age, market lamb not allowed.
- ♦ **Swine:** Not allowed

- (f) A "**FIRST YEAR SHOWPERSON**" (*1st year showing in all animal classes*) youth participating in first showing see - *general rules age guidelines above*, and the class listing in each animal division.
- (g) **PREMIUM CHECKS** - Premiums to be paid as listed with respect to available funds. Cloverbuds will only receive ribbon recognition. Checks will be distributed to Youth ages 8-19 at the **Fall 4-H Achievement Night Awards Recognition Program**. Premium checks must be cashed by December 31st of the current fair year; or they will be voided.
****The county will not issue a second check for lost checks.** Fair premiums will be paid on a maximum of ONE ANIMAL entry per class, per exhibitor, unless otherwise specified.
- (h) **COMPLAINT OR PROTEST:** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where error, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven.
 In such cases the Superintendent or such referee as he may appoint may make decisions, or the case may be appealed to the Agriculture Manager, whose decisions shall be final. All protests must be in writing and filed with the 4-H office within 4 hours of the conclusion of that show. The matter will be resolved by 4-H educators within 24 hours.
- (i) **EXHIBITS RELEASE TIME:**
ANIMALS – release time is between 6-8:00 AM – Sunday-July 13, 2025. Any animals that leave the fairgrounds early will lose animal fair premiums and educator's endorsement to participate at NYS Fair. **Exception:** *Market Animals may be removed immediately after sale on Friday evening of the fair.* Please refer to release time on the fair schedule. **4-H YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS** must remain in place until 6:00 a.m. the Sunday of the fair. Exhibits that are left in the buildings will be collected and taken back to the 4-H office.

(j) **ANIMAL PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS - DEADLINE: JUNE 01, 2025.**

All animal entries **MUST BE PRE-ENTERED on-line** by exhibitor and/or their families. See CCE website for links to click based on animal Divisions.

- Website: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS:

NON-OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE must be properly filled out, originally to Cornell Cooperative Extension office, **by JUNE 01, 2025.**

NON-OWNED ANIMAL(s) accompanied with a **non-ownership certificate** must be properly filled out, along with registration papers to prove designation.

Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Dairy Goats & Meat Goats - Youth may register TWO (2) non-owned Animal per species- "*but may only show one*" at the fair.

Dairy Cattle: Youth are allowed TWO (2) non-owned dairy animals of which both can be shown, they must have met all the qualifications. Dual designation of animal(s) is not permitted.

Dual Ownership: (between siblings will be allowed) as long as all of the following criteria are met: **(A)** They are bona fide siblings (sister, brother, step-sister/brother, half-sister/brother, adopted) **(B)** All siblings on registration paper of animal(s) are of 4-H age and regular 4-H members as of January 1st of the current year. **(C)** One sibling has to designate the animal as their project animal for the project year by June 1st of current year by filing and completing animal identification form.

- **A designated non-owned project animal** must be shown only by registered exhibitor and not by youth owner and must accompany the animal entering the fairgrounds.
- **Dual designation of one animal is not permitted** (except Dairy Cattle)
- **No Non-Owned Animal in Market Class**
- Website: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

ANIMAL PROJECT RECORD: **One project record is needed for one project animal** that a youth has.

- If showing more than one species the 4-H'ers should only pick one animal.
- If showing a market animal, the market records will replace the project record.
- Try to finish project records as completely as possible for fair 2025.
- A continuous record should be kept on projects animals from one year to the next. Recording dates should start October 1st to Sept 30 of the current 4-H year.
- Records for purchased animals should begin when that animal enters your herd, or for leased animals when the leasing period begins.
- The project ends the day the animal is sold.
- A complete project record must be submitted to the 4-H office no later than the Saturday of the Cortland County Jr. Youth Fair of the current 4-H year to receive fair premiums, and to be entered into County Medal consideration in the animal area a 4-H member has participated in.
- Website: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

MARKET SALE CHECKS will be mailed to the youth exhibitor after fair, once the exhibitor has adhered to the Market Classes and Sales Guidelines (Page 34), and has met the **three final requirements listed:**

1. Youth must complete and submit the applicable Market Animal Record Book to the 4-H Office no later than the Saturday of the Cortland County Jr. Youth Fair of the current 4-

H year.

2. Youth must dismantle/clean their animal area on/by, Sunday, July 13, 2025

3. Youth must obtain a thank you card from 4-H Staff, write a thank you note in the card to their buyer, and submit the card back to the 4-H office no later than the Saturday of the Cortland County Jr. Youth Fair of the Current 4-H year.

(k) All exhibits will be judged according to the complexity of the exhibit.

- Please make sure to fill both sides of the card out for every exhibit in the 4-H Youth Building.
- *Entries are marked down one placing if the card is not completed both sides.*

Cloverbuds may dictate their process to complete both sides of the card.

Double entry cards will be used for all “non-animal” exhibits, unless stated.

(l) **VOUCHER SHEETS must be completedBY THE END OF THE FAIR WEEK and turned into the FAIR OFFICE BY **Saturday, July 12, 2025** for consideration of premiums.**

- **Yellow Voucher Sheet – For all Cloverbuds** – summary of exhibits entered.
- **White Voucher Sheet – Youth 8 years/older**– summary of exhibits entered.

(m) JR FAIR POINT SYSTEM: THE DANISH RIBBON SYSTEM TABLE BELOW.

ALL YOUTH EXHIBITS:

“EXCELLENT” work will be given a **BLUE** ribbon **“Award of Excellence”**.

“GOOD” work will be given a **RED** ribbon **“Good Award”**.

“CREDIBLE” exhibits will be given a **WHITE** ribbon **“Worthy Award”**

Fair 2025

COLOR RIBBON AWARDS & POINT SYSTEM

<u>EXHIBIT DESCRIPTIONS</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>
Dairy & Beef	50	40	30
Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine	25	20	15
Rabbit, Cavy, Guinea Pigs & Poultry	20	15	10
Jr. Superintendents	50	-	-
Mannequin Modeling, 4-H PPP, Clothing Revue	25	-	-
<u>Contests:</u>			
4-H & FFA Contests, Tractor Operator Contest	12	8	3
Dairy Challenge, Poultry Contest & Horticulture Contest	12	8	3
Horse Stabled	40	-	-
Horse Unstable / State Qualify Shows	25	20	15
<u>Promotion of:</u>			
Dairy, Livestock, Rabbit Products, Vegetable,	25	20	15
Club Educational Exhibit(s), and Club Displays	25	20	15
Individual Educational Exhibit(s), Special Recognition Award	12	8	5
Photography, Community Service	9	7	5
Vet. Science & Poultry – Egg Class	9	7	5
Vegetable & Flower	9	7	5
Misc. Ag & Ag Engineering	9	7	5
Record Books, Leisure Education, Posters, Creative Writing	9	7	5
Childcare/Development, Clothing, Home Environment	9	7	5
Food & Nutrition (<i>including special food contest</i>)	9	7	5
Consumer Economics, Natural Resources	9	7	5
Computer Programming, Science, Arts & Crafts	9	7	5

DOUBLE ENTRY CARDS – ARE COLOR CODED!

CLOVERBUD (5-8 YRS OF AGE)	YELLOW	DOUBLE ENTRY CARD (For all Exhibits including animals).
EXHIBITOR (8-19 YRS OF AGE)	WHITE	DOUBLE ENTRY CARD
HORTICULTURE	GREEN	DOUBLE ENTRY CARD
VEGETABLE	GREEN	DOUBLE ENTRY CARD
SPECIAL CONTESTS	PINK	DOUBLE ENTRY CARD
POULTRY SHOW	ORANGE	DOUBLE ENTRY CARD
RABBIT SHOW	BLUE	DOUBLE ENTRY CARD

FAIR EXHIBIT CARDS

Livestock & Dairy Animals do not need to fill out the Animal Show Booklet(s) will be the recorded document entry.

- (n) Showmanship classes **WILL NOT** receive premium points.
- (o) Superintendent may add, change or delete awards for any of the classes.
- (p) Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal, but during the course of the contest may be asked by the judge to show some other animal. Another youth may assist in group classes or multiple entries.

IN MAKING AWARDS, THE JUDGES WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

1. PREPARATION OF THE ANIMAL FOR SHOWING:

- (a) Condition of the feet and trimming of the feet;
- (b) Clipping of head, ears, tail, etc. (*clipped properly for breed and sex*)
- © Cleanliness and condition of the hide and hair.

2. SHOWING OF THE ANIMAL:

- (a) Proper use of show equipment
- (b) Personal poise and control of animal
- © Skill in showing the animal to its best advantage
- (d) Personal appearance, neatness and cleanliness of the clothing of the exhibitor.

3. APPOINTMENTS:

Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goats, only plain white clothes are to be worn showmanship class.. All entries not meeting the above conditions may be asked to return to the barn upon entry in the show ring.

Livestock showmanship western wear is acceptable and encouraged.

- (q) **The Dairy Cattle Barn will be open for 4-H** to set up and move in on **Monday evening, July 7th at 4PM** after Holstein Classic Show has left.

Animals **must be in place** on Tuesday evening of fair week by 8:00 p.m.

CLEAN UP FOR THE BARNS – WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING.

*****New!Exhibitors: Do not move Bed Pack as the skidder will be cleaning the Dairy Cattle Building and Ag Corp. Bldgs. We ask all exhibitors and families to remove trash, animals and tack from your area so that the skidder will be able to clean out the bed packs.**

RABBIT AND POULTRY CAGES – All exhibitors must come on Sunday morning during the clean-up time and animal release schedule to scrub and wash cages & pens before dismantling and putting away. This is a Mandatory Requirement to be considered as part of showing your animals!

- (r) Any exhibitor withdrawing or exiting their animal or exhibit(s) prior to stated schedule for releasing from the fair – will **forfeit all awards and premiums**. He/she will not be allowed to re-enter the exhibit at the county youth fair and will forfeit qualification to show at the NYS Fair 4-H Youth Shows.



ALL exhibitors will be wearing wrist bands for the entire fair stay and an overnight registration form will be available for parents/guardians and exhibitors to fill out for safety and emergencies.

- **ALL BARNs CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC AT 10:00 P.M.**
- **EACH EVENING LIGHTS OUT BY 11:00 P.M.!**
- **NON-EXHIBITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE BARN (UNLESS THEY ARE IMMEDIATE FAMILY).**
- ***BACKGROUND CHECKS MUST BE DONE TO BE ABLE TO STAY OR TO BE A CHAPERONE FOR CLUBS ~ YOUTH AND FAMILIES.***

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS: Conduct becoming an individual involving fair and honest competition, courteous relations, and graceful acceptance of results. The development of sportsmanship is an important part of growing up. It is important for people to be fair and generous competitors, good losers, and gracious winners. All youth and adult are expected to demonstrate each of the following elements of sportsmanship before, during and after their participation. Regardless of the outcome, thank your parents, advisors, program organizers, sponsors, judges and others who have helped you.

A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM will require both child's and parent's signatures, for exhibitors.

(a) 4-H'ers staying overnight must spend the night in the Dairy Barn location only.

(b) Adults staying overnight must fill out and turn in a volunteer form and complete a back-ground check.

CAMPERS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS during the week of county fair: must contact the AG Corp. (Neal Helms) for a **camper form** request.

SHOWER FACILITIES: There will be a schedule posted at fair for available shower times. Youth must be chaperoned when using the shower facilities.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND/OR THE AG. CORPORATION ALONG WITH THEIR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IN CASE OF FIRE, THEFT, DAMAGE OR LOSS AND/OR ACCIDENT. NOTE: EVERY REASONABLE PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN.